THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) The primary responsibility of 'response' to disasters in terms of carrying out immediate rescue and providing relief rests with the State Governments. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments by providing Financial Assistance. Tsunami affected States/Union Territories are implementing "Tsunami Rehabilitation Programme" (TRP) through their implementing agencies in consultation with the concerned Central Ministries/Departments.

(b) A Core Group has been constituted in the Planning Commission to address the long term issues and to plan and coordinate measures relating to reconstruction and rehabilitation in the Tsunami affected States/UTs. The Government has also constituted an Empowered Group of Ministers (EGOM) in respect of the Tsunami Rehabilitation Programme (TRP) and to review its physical and financial progress. The EGOM is serviced by the Planning Commission.

(c) The total financial assistance required during 2005-06 to 2008-09 was Rs. 9135.66 crores (excluding Rs. 678.48 crores given to Ministry of Shipping for reconstruction of ports and jetties and Rs. 7.95 crores relating to activity of Core Group. The expenditure incurred by Tsunami affected States/Union Territories on rehabilitation and reconstruction work up to September, 2008 was Rs. 4242.90 crores.

(d) The EGOM while approving the TRP package decided that the States/UTs should set quarterly targets for implementation of the programme and communicate the progress to the Planning Commission. Five meetings of EGOM were held on 8.12.2005, 10.01.2007, 02.03.2007, 07.09.2007 and 16.05.2008.

Measures for modernization of police

924. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of measures taken for modernization of police in the country, State-wise;

(b) the allocation of Plan expenditure for modernization of police force for the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that of the total Plan expenditure of Rs. 715.25 crores for police this year, only 10.7 per cent has been utilized until January, 2009;

(d) whether it is also a fact that only 25 per cent was spent by NSG of its total allocation till December, 2008; and

(e) if so, the reasons behind this sluggishness in spending the money allocated to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Home Affairs is implementing a Non-Plan Scheme namely, "Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces" (MPF) to supplement the efforts of the State Governments in modernizing their police forces, especially for meeting the emerging

challenges to internal security in the form of terrorism, naxalism etc. Under the Scheme assistance is being provided to States for procurement of modern weaponry, construction of residential and non-residential buildings, mobility, equipment for communication/security/ forensic science equipments, strengthening of intelligence branches, training infrastructure facilities etc. The year-wise, State-wise details of funds released by the Ministry under the Scheme during the last three years is given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below).

(c) The Budget Estimate 2008-09 provision of Rs. 715.25 crore in respect of Plan Schemes of MHA has been reduced to Rs. 439.99 crore in Revised Estimate 2008-09 stage. Out of this provision, the expenditure, as on 31.1.2009 is Rs. 251.70 crore which is 57.2% of the total allocation of revised estimate.

(d) and (e) Under the Scheme of Modernisation of CPMFs, the outlay for NSG was Rs. 82.49 crore. Till 31.12.2008, an amount of Rs. 37.27 crore has been spent by NSG, which is about 45.18% of the total outlay.

Statement

Year-wise and State-wise details of funds released by the Ministry under the Scheme during 2005-2008

Name of State	Central funds released in the financial year under the Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces (Rs. in crore)		
	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
1	2	3	4
Andhra Pradesh	101.41	88.12	87.34
Arunachal	7.00	11.53	10.7
Assam	56.68	52.18	87.82
Bihar	39.87	51.62	16.24
Chhattisgarh	40.74	57.06	41.72
Goa	1.06	1.00	2
Gujarat	39.85	45.52	51.9
Haryana	14.95	19.69	35.75
Himachal Pradesh	6.78	3.92	10.27
Jammu and Kashmir	109.22	88.13	115.34
Jharkhand	40.74	47.00	50.95
Karnataka	65.85	64.15	78.13
Kerala	18.84	24.53	40.01
Madhya Pradesh	31.65	43.24	57.68

1	2	3	4
Maharashtra	88.78	105.10	78.87
Manipur	16.97	14.09	32.07
Meghalaya	6.57	8.59	15.44
Mizoram	6.00	10.48	11
Nagaland	17.52	22.68	30.72
Orissa	35.08	38.00	45.8
Punjab	20.31	15.00	34.94
Rajasthan	34.81	40.47	49.6
Sikkim	2.43	3.46	4.42
Tamil Nadu	65.51	61.65	75.74
Tripura	11.83	11.34	14.47
Uttar Pradesh	98.12	94.28	115.44
Uttarakhand	16.76	5.28	9.89
West Bengal	29.67	37.11	44.45
TOTAL	1025.00	1065.22	1248.7

Sealing of Assam-Bangla border

925. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a team of Assam Legislators recently called on the Prime Minister demanding complete sealing of the Assam-Bangla border;

(b) if so, what steps have since been taken to ensure a perfectly sealed border; and

(c) how far the Assam-Bangla border has so far been provided with barbed wire fencing and other means to provide filter proof fencing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) to (c) No Sir. However, Government has taken step for accelerated construction of fencing along Indo-Bangladesh border, which is expected to be completed by 31.3.2010. As on 30.11.2008, out of 3436.87 km fencing sanctioned along Indo-Bangladesh border, 2636.66 km of border fence has been completed. In Assam sector, out of 223.81 kilometer (Phase I and II) of sanctioned fencing along Indo-Bangladesh Border 214.48 km has been completed. Since the fencing erected under Phase-I had outlived its life, it is being replaced with a composite type fencing.

Besides Government has also taken various measures to control the illegal infiltration from Bangladesh which *inter alia* includes strengthening of Border Security Force and equipping them